

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 1999 AT 1400
HOURS IN BELLFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHATRIGGS ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Alan Campbell; and Community Representatives Margaret Shaw, Allan Faulds, Anne McRoberts and Named Substitute James Todd.

ATTENDING: Jim Maitland, Depute Director of Housing; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (Social Work); Denis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation); Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer; Robert Robb, Recycling Officer; Brian Weadon, Area Engineer (North), Roads Division; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Sheila Beck, Pre-School Community Organiser (Education); and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGY: Provost Robert Stirling.

ALSO ATTENDING: Superintendent Simon Keenan, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair, at her discretion and in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider Item 7 on the Agenda after consideration of Item 3.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 3 FEBRUARY 1999

2. There was submitted, for information and noted, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3 February 1999 (circulated).

2.1 NOAH'S ARK CRÈCHE

Arising from consideration of the above Minutes, it was reported and noted that the application for a local Community Grant by Noah's Ark Crèche had been withdrawn and that a revised application would be submitted next financial year.

DECENTRALISATION ISSUES

RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 1999/2000

3. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which invited the Local Committee to consider and determine certain matters in order to facilitate arrangements for the recruitment of Community Representatives to serve on the Local Committee for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the present Community Representation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to review community organisation representation on the Committee; and
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to initiate the process for the submission of new nominations for Community Representatives and Named Substitutes by the relevant organisations, to serve during the period 1 April 1999 to March 2000 and to make such arrangements as might be necessary to facilitate this process.

URBAN PROGRAMME

URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS

4.1 KILMARNOCK CAR PROJECT EVALUATION

There was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which had evaluated the Kilmarnock Car Project. The project had been evaluated in 1998 with six months of funding provided by the Council following the conclusion of Urban Programme funding in September 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to support the work of the project;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of the Local Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

4.2 ENERGY ADVICE UNIT PROJECT EVALUATION

There was submitted a report dated 1 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which advised of the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel meeting which evaluated the Energy Advice Unit Project for which Urban Project funding was due to terminate in September 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the initial findings of the Evaluation Panel as set out in Paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) to support the work of the project;
- (iii) to remit to the Chief Executive to submit the views of the Local Committee to the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration in conjunction with the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

5. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which outlined the financial position for 1998/99 together with a statement summarising the pertinent information relative to outstanding applications for Community Grant received from local organisations.

The Committee took the following decisions:-

Applications Approved (for the purpose specified on the application), viz:-

- (a) Pre-Fives
 - (i) Ladybird Playgroup - £500; and
- (b) Playschemes
 - (1) Bellfield After School Care - £360.52.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which advised of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations over the preceding six week period and which advised of forthcoming initiatives.

RECYCLING FACILITIES (Item 8, Page 3996)

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services regarding the provision of recycling facilities within the Council's area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the proposed sites detailed in Appendix 1 of the report for recycling facilities in the Kilmarnock South area, viz:- Shortlees Area - Caprington Avenue; Kirkstyle Area - Hurlford Road; and Riccarton Area - Riccarton Community Centre.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1999/2000 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised of the 1999/2000 roads and footways structural maintenance programmes for "inescapable" schemes which had been approved by the Development Services Committee and which sought the Local Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 1999/2000 roads and footways structural maintenance programme for “inescapable” schemes approved by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) to approve the “highly desirable” schemes for the structural maintenance of footways; and
- (iii) to note that any further reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads and Transportation by reducing the footway resurfacing programme in an equitable manner.

SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: STRATEGIC PLAN 1999/2002 (Item 14, Page 3838)

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised the Local Committee of the content of the Strategic Plan for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the appropriateness of the Strategic Plan in relation to improving public safety; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1510 hours.